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## Riverside County Man Sentenced to LWOP for Raping 12-Year-Old Girl

A 35-year-old man convicted of breaking into a Claremont home and raping a girl was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 10, a jury found Joseph Davall of Yucca Valley guilty of seven felony counts: two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, and one count each of forcible rape; sexual penetration by foreign object; assault to commit a felony during the commission of a first-degree burglary; first-degree burglary, person present; and making criminal threats in case KA105537.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley, who prosecuted the case, said on March 21, 2014, Davall broke into a Claremont home and sexually assaulted the 12-year-old girl, who was in bed asleep. The victim continuously fought the defendant during the attack.

After the assault, Davall left the home with the girl's phone and threatened that he would kill her if she said anything about the assault, the prosecutor said.

It wasn't until the victim was out of her home and in a car with her father that she told him about the assault. He then took her to police so she could report the attack to law enforcement.

Authorities began an investigation into the incident and were able to link Davall to the rape through DNA.

The case was investigated by the Claremont Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice

for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.